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| <b>0-5</b>     | <b>Petition</b><br>The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty |  |
| <b>0-6</b>     | <b>Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)</b>   | <b>Japan Patent Office (RO/JP)</b>   |
| <b>0-7</b>     | <b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b>   | <b>PC-9398</b>   |
| <b>I</b>       | <b>Title of Invention</b>  | <b>STAGE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD</b>                                    |
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| <b>V</b>     | <b>DESIGNATIONS</b>   |   |
| <b>V-1</b>   | The filing of this request constitutes<br>under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of<br>all Contracting States bound by the<br>PCT on the international filing date,<br>for the grant of every kind of<br>protection available and, where<br>applicable, for the grant of both<br>regional and national patents. |   |

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| <b>VI-1</b>  | <b>Priority claim of earlier national application</b>   |                                      |                             |
| VI-1-1       | Filing date   | <b>15 December 2003 (15.12.2003)</b> |                             |
| VI-1-2       | Number  | <b>2003-416712</b>                   |                             |
| VI-1-3       | Country   | <b>JP</b>                            |                             |
| <b>VI-2</b>  | <b>Priority document request</b>  |                                      |                             |
|              | The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s): | <b>VI-1</b>                          |                             |
| <b>VII-1</b> | <b>International Searching Authority Chosen</b>   | <b>Japan Patent Office (ISA/JP)</b>  |                             |
| <b>VIII</b>  | <b>Declarations</b>   | Number of declarations               |                             |
| VIII-1       | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor  | -                                    |                             |
| VIII-2       | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent  | -                                    |                             |
| VIII-3       | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application                              | -                                    |                             |
| VIII-4       | Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)  | -                                    |                             |
| VIII-5       | Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty  | -                                    |                             |
| <b>IX</b>    | <b>Check list</b>   | number of sheets                     | electronic file(s) attached |
| IX-1         | Request (including declaration sheets)  | 5                                    | ✓                           |
| IX-2         | Description   | 21                                   | -                           |
| IX-3         | Claims  | 2                                    | -                           |
| IX-4         | Abstract  | 1                                    | ✓                           |
| IX-5         | Drawings  | 9                                    | -                           |
| IX-7         | TOTAL   | 38                                   |                             |
|              | <b>Accompanying Items</b>   | paper document(s) attached           | electronic file(s) attached |
| IX-8         | Fee calculation sheet   | ✓                                    | -                           |
| IX-17        | PCT-SAFE physical media   | -                                    | ✓                           |
| <b>IX-19</b> | <b>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract</b>   | <b>4</b>                             |                             |
| <b>IX-20</b> | <b>Language of filing of the International application</b>  | <b>Japanese</b>                      |                             |

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| <b>10-1</b>   | <b>Date of actual receipt of the purported international application</b>   |               |
| <b>10-2</b>   | <b>Drawings:</b>   |               |
| <b>10-2-1</b> | Received   |               |
| <b>10-2-2</b> | Not received   |               |
| <b>10-3</b>   | <b>Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application</b> |               |
| <b>10-4</b>   | <b>Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)</b>  |               |
| <b>10-5</b>   | <b>International Searching Authority</b>   | <b>ISA/JP</b> |
| <b>10-6</b>   | <b>Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid</b>   |               |

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